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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cech et al.

Examiner: Toni Scheiner

Art Unit: 1642

Application No.: 08/846,017

Filed: April 25, 1997

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

For: NOVEL TELOMERASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated September 28, 1998, for three (3) months, from December 28, 1998 to March 28, 1999. An appropriate response in the form of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$870.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

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